REMARKS

Claims 16-29 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that all pending claims are in condition for allowance except for certain formal matters. The Examiner objected to the disclosure and the drawings because the specification did not provide a reference to Figures 4(a)-(d). Applicants have amended specification and request that the Examiner's objections to the specification and the drawings be withdrawn. The Examiner also objected to claim 25 because of a typographical error. Applicants have amended claim 25 to correct the typographical error and request that the Examiner's objection to claim 25 be withdrawn.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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